

ability that can make our Government work for the people in the best way possible.

Caran came to the Senate in 1987, when she joined my staff as assistant press secretary. Two years later, she became my press secretary. During this time, she dealt with a range of important issues, including the Gulf War, Supreme Court nominations, whistleblower protections, a farm bill, civil rights legislation, a campaign to apply labor and employment laws to Congress, and the budget battle of 1990. She made certain that Iowans had access to accurate and timely information through the news media and fostered a better understanding of the way in which the issues addressed by Congress affect the lives of individuals and families.

In 1994, Caran took on new challenges as a special assistant. She developed initiatives and reached out to the grassroots. Caran brought to her work a great appreciation for the people who make Iowa the extraordinary place that it is. She grew up on a farm in Western Iowa, graduated from Iowa State University, and maintains many close family ties in Iowa.

Caran is the kind of person who is always looking ahead and making a plan to improve things for others no matter what their stage and place in life. Just last week, President Bush signed into law legislation re-authorizing the Drug Free Communities Act, a bill I sponsored in the Senate. During his remarks, the President took time to recognize a coalition I launched in Iowa to address our state's growing drug problem. Called "Face It Together"—or FIT—it is the first-ever community-based, statewide anti-drug coalition. The goal is to help Iowans work together to keep their neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and communities drug-free. I hope to see this productive effort continue in the years ahead. No individual deserves more credit for making FIT a reality and a success than Caran Kolbe McKee. Her vision for the project, gift for bringing people together and dedication to making the program happen were vitally important.

In recent years, Caran also managed my correspondence with Iowans. In the Senate, I work hard to make the process of representative government work. I keep in close touch with Iowans by returning home when the Senate is not in session. And since 1981, I have conducted a meeting in each of Iowa's 99 counties at least one time every year. I am committed to an active dialogue with constituents, so at town meetings I always say representative government is a two-way street. While I have come to them for a meeting about the issues, they also have a responsibility to write to me expressing concerns and views and asking questions. Well, each and every one of these letters or e-mail messages deserves and receives as answer from me. Caran made sure that Iowans who wrote or called received a

reply that was not just a piece of paper but a substantive, informative response. In this way, she helped representative government work for the people in a fundamental, meaningful way.

Caran Kolbe McKee was a true public servant. She was a mentor to many of her fellow staff members. And she was an inspiration for the way she handled challenges—both professional and personal—with compassion, strength and courage. Now Caran has decided to spend more time with her family. She will be greatly missed, but I admire her decision and wish her the very best. Above all, I extend to her my deepest thanks.●

RETIREMENT OF NOAA SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, EUGENE PROULX

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to express appreciation and congratulations to Eugene Proulx on the occasion of his retirement as the Special Agent in Charge of the Southeast Enforcement Division of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service. For over 28 years, Gene has dedicated himself to the protection of our nation's oceans and living marine resources. His service of 3 years with the United States Coast Guard and 25 years with the National Marine Fisheries Service's Office for Law Enforcement (OLE) have been exemplary, and he is being appropriately honored for this service at an event to be held on December 21st in the Southeast region.

His commitment and leadership with the OLE have been reflected through his service as a Special Agent, National Training Coordinator, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, and as Special Agent in Charge and Acting Chief. Gene's service as a Special Agent in Charge included assignments in both the Southwest and Southeast Divisions in addition to his many years of service as an agent at various duty posts in the Northeast Division as well as several assignments to Headquarters in Silver Spring as both an agent and as the Acting Chief of the Office for a period of three months.

Gene has been the example of a public servant who routinely gives 100 percent towards his responsibilities. His enthusiasm, dedication and energy level are widely known. His corporate knowledge, fisheries expertise, common sense, interpersonal skills and gracious humility are all traits that are exemplary and have facilitated his contributions to NOAA and our nation's resource missions. The accomplishments of the Office of Law Enforcement in the areas of Vessel Monitoring Systems, Sanctuaries Enforcement, Accreditation, and Cooperative Enforcement were all strongly facilitated through the support of Gene's vision and leadership.

Gene's work with the national Cooperative Enforcement program and the

State Joint Enforcement Agreements have provided a long-lasting foundation for this important program. In particular, the state of South Carolina and its fisheries resources have benefited greatly through his work. In large part, Gene was responsible for convincing South Carolina that working jointly with NMFS could serve to substantially improve protection of our fishery resources far beyond the level we could achieve working separately. His initiative led to a Joint Enforcement Agreement that is improving the management and protection of South Carolina's precious marine resources. This program has proven so successful that it is now the "gold standard" model of marine resource enforcement, and it is being established in coastal states around the nation. These cooperative programs and relationships will be the legacy of Gene's leadership.

In closing, although we hate to see him go, I once again wish to congratulate Agent Proulx on his exemplary career. Through his tireless efforts, he has made a difference in protecting the marine resources of South Carolina and the Nation.●

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE DERAN KOLIGIAN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the recent passing of Fresno County Supervisor Deran Koligian, an extraordinary public servant and Californian who died on December 11th at the age of 74, after a two-year battle with cancer.

Deran Koligian was a Fresno County icon, having served as a Supervisor for two decades. He faithfully served his constituents up until the day of his death.

Deran Koligian set a high standard of integrity and decency. He was a man of great determination and dedication who worked tirelessly for Fresno County and California and was loved and respected by so many. He was a farmer, a World War II veteran, a family man and an honorable Fresno County Supervisor. He will be greatly missed by all.

I ask that the Fresno Bee editorial from December 13, 2001, be printed in the RECORD. And, on behalf of the Senate, I extend our thoughts and prayers to the Koligian Family on the loss of an extraordinary man.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Fresno Bee, Dec. 13, 2001]

DERAN KOLIGIAN—A POWERFUL VOICE IN FRESNO COUNTY, STATE POLITICS FALLS SILENT

The odds suggest we shall not soon see the likes of Deran Koligian in public life. The longtime Fresno County supervisor, who died Tuesday at the age of 74, embodied a rare set of skills and virtues. He was a bluntly honest farmer, a man of the soil who so deeply loved his roots he lived his entire life on his family's original 40-acre homestead. He was also a talented and shrewd politician, in the very best sense: clear about his philosophy and

objectives, civil in his behavior and capable of inspired compromise when conditions demanded it.

Koligian spent most of his adult life in public service. He enlisted in the Army at age 18, fought in the Philippines in World War II, and came home to attend Fresno State. The family farm sustained him, but could not contain him. He served many years on local school boards and was first elected to the county Board of Supervisors in 1982. In doing so, he became the first Armenian-American elected to public office in the county.

Defending Valley agricultural lands against urban encroachment was among Koligian's most important principles. He almost single-handedly pushed Fresno's growth away from his district, mostly lying to the west of Freeway 99, and out to the northeast. He was immensely popular among farmers for his defense of agriculture. He wasn't able to stop westward sprawl completely—no one individual could—but it is only recently that significant residential development has taken place on his turf.

Koligian was deeply opposed to the county using bonds to raise money for capital expenditures, arguing that it was fiscally irresponsible. He usually managed to persuade the rest of the board to support that position. It was one of the bones of contention between Koligian and The Bee, and he won the argument more often than he lost.

But—as with most of his adversaries—he always had a deep respect for Koligian. His combination of honesty and political savvy is one we do not often see, and we are all the poorer for that.●

HONORING DR. DONALD J. COHEN

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, today I honor Dr. Donald J. Cohen, a doctor, an author, an outstanding psychiatrist, a true professional, and caregiver and friend to the thousands of people who had the good fortune of knowing him. Today I grieve for my friend, as he recently passed away after only 61 short years on this Earth. I could think of no better tribute to this great man than to name the very program he envisioned so many years ago to help the victims of violence-related stress in his honor. Thus, I submitted an amendment to the Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations bill to amend Section 582 of the Public Health Service Act to rename this critically important grant program, the "Donald J. Cohen National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative." I am proud to say that this amendment has been accepted by both the House and Senate and for that I thank my colleagues.

Dr. Cohen did more in his 61 years than most anyone else could ever hope to accomplish in a lifetime. He started at Brandeis University in 1961 on the course to a medical career and then went on to graduate from Yale University School of Medicine in 1966. Over the following 35 years, Dr. Cohen dedicated his life to helping children and adolescents. Donald spent virtually all of his adult life working tirelessly to develop and promote programs to assist children. I recently learned from my colleague, Senator DODD, that Dr. Cohen was the first person to suggest a

special health insurance program for children that ultimately became the Children's Health Insurance Program. Today, this program throughout the Nation provides health care for millions of children who would otherwise go without the basic care they need to grow up healthy and flourish.

Dr. Cohen was a well-respected and world-renowned physician and teacher. Over the course of his illustrious career, he held many faculty positions at the Yale University School of Medicine, culminating with his appointment as the child Psychiatrist-in-Chief of the Yale Children's Hospital and Director of the Child Study Center at Yale School of Medicine. He held these positions for the past 18 years, which, as anyone in medicine will tell you, is an incredible testimony to his stature and leadership.

He has been honored by the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Sciences, the National Commission on Children, and the American Psychiatric association for his outstanding work. He received numerous lifetime research awards, including the Strecker Award from the Institute of the Pennsylvania Hospital and the Agnes Purcell McGavin Award for Prevention from the APA. He was recognized as a Sterling Professor of Child Psychiatry, Pediatrics and Psychology. He served as President of the International Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions since 1993 and published over 300 papers and books. Dr. Cohen was also awarded a Doctor of Philosophy, *Honoris Causa*, from the Bar Ilan University in Israel.

As you can see, Dr. Donald Cohen was quite a remarkable man. So many people have been touched in some way by this great man's dedication.

It can be said that Dr. Cohen indeed achieved what most of us strive for, to make a difference. For those of us who knew him, for those of us in whose life Donald made a difference, his passing comes painfully too soon. We mourn and pray that Donald's soul will be embraced in the warmth of eternal life and that God will comfort and strengthen Phyllis, his wife, their children and grandchildren, and all of the family, friends, colleagues and patients who will miss him. I know the spirit and warmth of Dr. Donald J. Cohen will burn on in the hearts of those who grieve him. It is with spirit that I ask my colleagues to honor this man with the dedication of the Donald J. Cohen National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2199) to amend the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2657) to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to redesignate the Family Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as the Family Court of the Superior Court, to recruit and retain trained and experienced judges to serve in the Family Court, to promote consistency and efficiency in the assignment of judges to the Family Court and in the consideration of actions and proceedings in the Family Court, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 289) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 3(b) of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 15202), the Speaker has appointed the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Medal of Valor Review Board for a term of 4 years: Mr. Tim Bivens of Dixon, Illinois and Mr. William J. Nolan of Chicago, Illinois.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1741. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify that Indian women with breast or cervical cancer who are eligible for health services provided under a medical care program of the Indian Health Service or of a tribal organization are included in the optional medicaid eligibility category of breast or cervical cancer patients added by the Breast and Cervical Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate: